State/UT	Approved food processing units
Gujarat	36
Haryana	23
Himachal Pradesh	23
Jammu & Kashmir	14
Jharkhand	4
Karnataka	53
Kerala	46
Madhya Pradesh	22
Maharashtra	135
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	3
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Orissa	7
Pondicherry	4
Punjab	68
Rajasthan	33
Tamil Nadu	73
Tripura	4
Uttar Pradesh	73
Uttaranchal	20
West Bengal	45

Food safety and standard authority for food processing sector

1181. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the food safety and standard authority to oversee the entire food manufacturing and processing sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is being ensured to check food adulteration;

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to create standards and guidelines on food;

(e) whether food imported into the country is being monitored and approved by the above authority before entry; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The Food Safety and Standard Act 2006 notified by the Government in the Official Gazette on 24.8.2006 , but the Act is yet to come into force. The Act envisages setting up of the food Safety and Standards Authority of India. The Food Authority has been empowered to lay down science based standards for article of food and regulate and monitor the manufacturing, import, processing, distribution and sale of food, so as to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Establishment of economic zones under food processing industries

†1182. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of economic zones established till date under his Ministry; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not establish economic zones. However, the Ministry, under its plan scheme for Infrastructure Development provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. to all implementing agencies including State Government undertakings, cooperative, private entities who come forward with viable proposals. A Statement showing the Food Parks approved by the Minsitry of providing financial assistance, State-wise, is attached.

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